

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 5895, Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6115–S6156

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3427–3439, S. Res. 625–628, and S. Con. Res. 46. **Pages S6142–43**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2019”. (S. Rept. No. 115–337)

H.R. 4323, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 4467, to require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies.

H.R. 4559, to conduct a global aviation security review.

S. 2823, to modernize copyright law, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6141**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 46, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 5895. **Page S6135**

Chinese-American World War II Veteran Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1050, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Chinese-American Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6152–53**

Flake (for Duckworth) Amendment No. 4015, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6152–53**

National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged

from further consideration of S. Res. 576, designating September 4, 2018, as “National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day”, and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6153**

Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 3029, to revise and extend the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act (PREEMIE Act), after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Flake (for Alexander) Amendment No. 4016, to modify provisions relating to the interagency working group. **Pages S6154–55**

National Democracy Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 525, designating September 2018 as National Democracy Month as a time to reflect on the contributions of the system of government of the United States to a more free and stable world, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6155**

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 627, designating September 2018 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S6155**

Authorizing Document Production by the SSCI: Senate agreed to S. Res. 628, to authorize document production by the Select Committee on Intelligence in *United States v. Paul J. Manafort, Jr.* (D.D.C.).

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Conference Reports:

Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act: By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No.

207), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Charles P. Rettig, of California, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany the bill, be withdrawn.

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Support for Patients and Communities Act and Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the orders of Thursday, September 6, 2018, that on Monday, September 17, 2018, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 6, to provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment, and that the debate time on H.R. 6, and on S. 2554, to ensure that health insurance issuers and group health plans do not prohibit pharmacy providers from providing certain information to enrollees, run concurrently, be equally divided in the usual form, and be considered expired at 5:30 p.m., and that Senate proceed to votes on or in relation to S. 2554, and H.R. 6, with all other provisions of the previous orders remaining in effect.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma session only, with no business being conducted on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 9:45 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, September 13, 2018, it next convene at 2 p.m., on Monday, September 17, 2018.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the threat of foreign interference in the United States elections; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–47)

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany U.N. Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade (Treaty Doc. 114–7) (Ex. Rept. 115–7).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 64 yeas 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 206), Charles P. Rettig, of California, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term expiring November 12, 2022.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 63 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 205), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Cherith Norman Chalet, of New Jersey, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

Cherith Norman Chalet, of New Jersey, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Earle D. Litzenberger, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Patricia Mahoney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

John Mark Pommersheim, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Austin M. Smith, of South Carolina, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Austin M. Smith, of South Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Steven Gardner, of Kentucky, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2018.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Rae Oliver, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development, which was sent to the Senate on June 25, 2018, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S6156**

Messages from the House: **Page S6139**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6148**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—207) **Pages S6132–35**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3:01 p.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6155.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COUNTERING RUSSIA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine countering Russia, focusing on assessing new tools, including S. 2785, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, after receiving testimony from Leon Aron, American Enterprise Institute, Elizabeth Rosenberg, Center for a New American Security, and Daleep Singh, Atlantic Council, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 6770–6775 and 6777–6792, and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 139, H. Con. Res. 135, and H. Res. 1058 and 1060–1062, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8171–72**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5059, to amend the Home Owners' Loan Act with respect to the registration and supervision of insurance savings and loan holding companies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–937);

H.R. 6316, to clarify the primary functions and duties of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–938);

H.R. 6330, to amend the Small Business Act to modify the method for prescribing size standards for business concerns (H. Rept. 115–939);

H.R. 6347, to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the 7(a) program to bring them into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–940);

H.R. 6348, to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the section 504 program to bring them into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–941);

H.R. 6367, to amend the Small Business Act to specify what credit is given for certain subcontractors and to provide a dispute process for non-payment to subcontractors, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–942);

H.R. 6369, to amend the Small Business Act to eliminate the inclusion of option years in the award price for sole source contracts, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–943);

H.R. 6382, to amend the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to report certain information to the Congress and to the President, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–944);

H.R. 3398, to amend the Real ID Act of 2005 to permit Freely Associated States to meet identification requirements under such Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–945);

H.R. 4431, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for interest payments by agencies in the case of administrative error in processing certain annuity deposits for prior military service (H. Rept. 115–946, Part 1);

H.R. 4887, to modernize Federal grant reporting, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–947);

H.R. 6776, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–948); and

H. Res. 1059, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3798) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 30-hour threshold for classification as a full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with 40 hours; providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5895) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from September 17, 2018, through September 24, 2018 (H. Rept. 115–949). **Pages H8168–69**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Meadows to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8109**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H8112**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. **Page H8113**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Act of 2018: H.R. 6198, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office; **Pages H8113–17**

Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Act of 2018: H.R. 6720, to prohibit the slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption; **Pages H8117–18**

Fighting Fraud to Protect Care for Seniors Act of 2018: H.R. 6690, amended, to establish a smart card pilot program to combat fraud, waste, and abuse and to protect beneficiary identity under the Medicare program; **Pages H8118–20**

Empowering Seniors' Enrollment Decision Act of 2018: H.R. 6662, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the special election period under part C of the Medicare program for certain deemed individuals enrolled in a reasonable cost reimbursement contract to certain non-deemed individuals enrolled in such contract; **Pages H8120–21**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ex-

tend the special election period under part C of the Medicare program for certain deemed individuals enrolled in a reasonable cost reimbursement contract to any Medicare Advantage eligible individual enrolled in such a contract during the final year such contract is extended, and for other purposes.”. **Page H8121**

Comprehensive Care for Seniors Act of 2018: H.R. 6561, amended, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to finalize certain proposed provisions relating to the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; **Pages H8121–22**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue a final regulation based on the proposed regulation relating to the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.”. **Page H8122**

Local Coverage Determination Clarification Act: H.R. 3635, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act in order to improve the process whereby medicare administrative contractors issue local coverage determinations under the Medicare program; **Pages H8122–24**

State Insurance Regulation Preservation Act: H.R. 5059, amended, to amend the Home Owners' Loan Act with respect to the registration and supervision of insurance savings and loan holding companies; **Pages H8124–27**

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Improvement Act of 2018: H.R. 6411, to amend the duties of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) to ensure FinCEN works with Tribal law enforcement agencies, protects against all forms of terrorism, and focuses on virtual currencies; **Pages H8127–28**

Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2018: H.R. 3764, amended, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana; **Pages H8128–29**

Walnut Grove Land Exchange Act: H.R. 5923, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain public lands in Ouachita National Forest, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 394; **Pages H8129–30, H8157**

Rural Broadband Permitting Efficiency Act of 2018: H.R. 4824, amended, to allow certain State permitting authority to encourage expansion of broadband service to rural communities; **Pages H8130–33**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To allow certain State and tribal permitting authority to

encourage expansion of broadband service to rural and tribal communities, and for other purposes.”

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Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act: H.R. 2591, amended, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation;

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Stigler Act Amendments of 2018: H.R. 2606, amended, to amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma;

Pages H8134–36

9/11 Memorial Act: H.R. 6287, amended, to provide competitive grants for the operation, security, and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001;

Pages H8136–39

Every Kid Outdoors Act: H.R. 3186, amended, to establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 383 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 395;

Pages H8139–40, H8158

Reconstruction Era National Historical Park Act: H.R. 5532, amended, to redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park;

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Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act: H.R. 660, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets;

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Authorizing early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska: H.R. 4689, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 378 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 396;

Pages H8144–45, H8158–59

United States-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2018: S. 2497, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel;

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Urging China, South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, India, and all nations to outlaw the dog and cat meat trade and to enforce existing laws against the trade: H. Res. 401, amended, urging China, South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, India, and all nations to

outlaw the dog and cat meat trade and to enforce existing laws against the trade;

Pages H8153–55

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Urging all nations to outlaw the dog and cat meat trade and to enforce existing laws against such trade.”

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Rescuing Animals With Rewards Act of 2018: H.R. 6197, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards for thwarting wildlife trafficking linked to transnational organized crime;

Pages H8155–57

Repealing section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands: H.R. 5317, amended, to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands; and

Pages H8159–60

Contra Costa Canal Transfer Act: H.R. 6040, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and facilities of the Central Valley Project.

Pages H8160–62

Permission to File Conference Reports: Agreed by unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight on Friday, September 14, 2018, to file conference reports.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act: H.R. 1911, amended, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally.

Pages H8150–53

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he had issued an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the threat of foreign interference in United States elections—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on House Administration, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–152).

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Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 46 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8162.

Quorum Calls Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8157, H8158, and H8159. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEWING CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Reviewing Current Developments in Ethiopia”. Testimony was heard from Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

SAVE AMERICAN WORKERS ACT OF 2017; CONFERENCE REPORT TO THE ENERGY AND WATER, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3798, the “Save American Workers Act of 2017”; and the Conference report to H.R. 5895, the “Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 3798 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–84, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 5895. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from September 17, 2018, through September 24, 2018: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date

and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 4, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3. Finally, in section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). Testimony was heard from Representatives Black, Kelly of Pennsylvania, and Levin.

Joint Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

On Monday, September 10, 2018, *Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

MINORITY POPULATIONS IN EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on race, rights, and politics, focusing on black and minority populations in Europe, from Nero Ughwujabo, Special Adviser to Prime Minister Theresa May; Alfiaz Vaiya, European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup; Simon Woolley, Operation Black Vote; Jeff Klein, Each One Teach One; Ali Khan, Open Society Foundations; Olivio Kocsis-Cake; Clive Lewis; Killion Munyama; and Aminata Toure.

FREE-TRADE ZONES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on free-trade zones from Clay Fuller, American Enterprise Institute, and Pedro Assares Rodrigues, Europol Liaison Bureau, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jack Radisch, OECD High Level Risk Forum, and Stephane Jacobzone, both of Paris, France.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D988)

S. 899, to amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that the requirements that new Federal employees who are veterans with service-connected disabilities are provided leave for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disabilities apply to certain employees of the Veterans Health Administration. Signed on September 7, 2018. (Public Law 115–238)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine perspectives on United States agricultural trade, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine an update on transparency at the Congressional Budget Office, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the transportation of tomorrow, focusing on emerging technologies that will move America, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the role of United States liquefied natural gas in meeting European energy demand, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine advanced nuclear technology, focusing on safety and associated benefits of licensing accident tolerant fuels for commercial nuclear reactors, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Gail S. Ennis, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine evolving threats to the homeland, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2961, to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990, S. 3354, to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act, S. 3170, to amend title 18, United States Code, to make certain changes to the reporting requirement of certain service providers regarding child sexual exploitation visual depictions, S. 2785, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, S. 3178, to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a deprivation of civil rights, and the nominations of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Richard J. Sullivan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Gary Richard Brown, Diane Gujarati, Eric Ross Komitee, and Rachel P. Kovner, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Stephen R. Clark, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Lewis J. Liman, and Mary Kay Vyskocil, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, John M. O'Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern

and Western Districts of Oklahoma, John L. Sinatra, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, Joshua Wolson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Kenneth D. Bell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Stephanie A. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, Carl J. Nichols, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Martha Maria Pacold, Mary M. Rowland, and Steven C. Seeger, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Jason R. Dunn, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, and Dallas L. Carlson, to be United States Marshal for the District of North Dakota, both of the Department of Justice, and James W. Carroll, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Army Futures Command: Will it help?", 1:30 p.m., 2020 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6511, the "Strategic Petroleum Reserve Reform Act"; H.R. 3325, the "ACE Kids Act"; H.R. 3891, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify the authority of State Medicaid fraud and abuse control units to investigate and prosecute cases of Medicaid patient abuse and neglect in any setting, and for other purposes; H.R. 5306, the "EMPOWER Care Act"; H.R. 6733, to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit group health plans, health insurance issuers, prescription drug plan sponsors, and Medicare Advantage organizations from limiting certain information on drug prices; and H.R. 6753, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a public-private partnership for purposes of identifying health care waste, fraud, and abuse, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled "Air Quality Impacts of Wildfires: Mitigation and Management Strategies", 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining Barriers to Expanding Innovative, Value-Based Care in Medicare", 1:15 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2128, the "Due Process Restoration Act of 2017"; H.R. 4753, the "Federal Reserve Supervision Testimony Clarification Act"; H.R. 4758, the "FOMC Policy Responsibility Act"; H.R. 5534, the "Give Useful Information to Define Effective Compliance Act"; H.R. 6021, the "Small Business Audit Correction Act of 2018"; H.R. 6158, the "Brokered Deposit Affiliate-Subsidiary Moderation Act of 2018"; H.R. 6411, the "FinCEN Improvement Act of 2018"; H.R. 6721, the "FinCEN Modernization Act of 2018"; H.R. 6729, the "Empowering Financial Institutions to Fight Human Trafficking Act of 2018"; H.R. 6737, the "Protect Affordable Mortgages for

Veterans Act of 2018”; H.R. 6741, the “Federal Reserve Reform Act of 2018”; H.R. 6743, the “Consumer Information Notification Requirement Act”; H.R. 6745, the “Access to Capital Creates Economic Strength and Supports Rural America Act”; and H.R. 6751, the “Banking Transparency for Sanctioned Persons Act of 2018”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Sanctions Policy”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 1017, requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of State, to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of all documents, records, communications, transcripts, summaries, notes, memoranda, and read-aheads in their possession referring to certain communications between President Donald Trump and President Vladimir Putin, 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6620, the “Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act”; H.R. 6735, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a vulnerability disclosure policy for Department of Homeland Security internet websites, and for other purposes; H.R. 6740, the “Border Tunnel Task Force Act”; legislation on the Secure Border Communications Act; and S. 1281, the “Hack the Department of Homeland Security Act of 2017”, 10:30 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5634, the “Medical Cannabis Research Act of 2018”; H.R. 6755, the “Judiciary ROOM Act”; H.R. 3487, to amend section 1332 of title 28, United States Code, to provide that the requirement for diversity of citizenship jurisdiction is met if any one party to the case is diverse in citizenship from any one adverse party in the case; H.R. 6754, the “CIRCUIT Act”; H.R. 6730, the “Injunctive Authority Clarification Act of 2018”; H.R. 6758, the “Study of Underrepresented Classes Chasing Engineering and Science Success Act of 2018”; H.R. 2899, the “Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 6063, a bill to enact certain existing laws relating to domestic security as Title 6, United States Code, “Domestic Security” and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code; H.R. 6342, a bill to make revisions in Title 51, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code; H.R. 6762, a bill to make improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code; and H.R. 6176, a bill to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 2, United States Code, title 50, United States Code, and title 52, United States Code, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6510, the “Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 4985, the “Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Members’ Day Hearing on Proposed Rules Changes for the 116th Congress”, 10 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Environment, joint hearing entitled “Examining the Underlying Science and Impacts of Glider Truck Regulations”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Now Hiring: How the Opioid Epidemic Affects Small Businesses”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “The State of Positive Train Control Implementation in the United States”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 5413, the “Improving Veterans Access to Congressional Services Act of 2018”; and H.R. 6418, the “VA Website Accessibility Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “The Role of the Interagency Program Office in VA Electronic Health Record Modernization”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6760, the “Protecting Family and Small Business Tax Cuts Act of 2018”; H.R. 6757, the “Family Savings Act of 2018”; and H.R. 6756 the “American Innovation Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 6157, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, 11:30 a.m., HC–5, Capitol.

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, 1 p.m., HC–5, Capitol.

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Senate will meet in pro forma session on Thursday, September 13, 2018.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 13, to hold hearings to examine perspectives on United States agricultural trade, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on the Budget: September 13, to hold hearings to examine an update on transparency at the Congressional Budget Office, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 13, to hold hearings to examine the transportation of tomorrow, focusing on emerging technologies that will move America, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 13, to hold hearings to examine the role of United States liquefied natural gas in meeting European energy demand, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 13, to hold hearings to examine advanced nuclear technology, focusing on safety and associated benefits of licensing accident tolerant fuels for commercial nuclear reactors, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 13, business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Gail S. Ennis, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 13, to hold hearings to examine evolving threats to the homeland, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 13, business meeting to consider S. 2961, to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990, S. 3354, to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act, S. 3170, to amend title 18, United States Code, to make certain changes to the reporting requirement of certain service providers regarding child sexual exploitation visual depictions, S. 2785, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, S. 3178, to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a deprivation of civil rights, and the nominations of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Richard J. Sullivan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Gary Richard Brown, Diane Gujarati, Eric Ross Komitee, and Rachel P. Kovner, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Stephen R. Clark, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Lewis J. Liman, and Mary Kay Vyskocil, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, John M. O'Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, John L. Sinatra, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, Joshua Wolson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Kenneth D. Bell, to be United States Dis-

trict Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Stephanie A. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, Carl J. Nichols, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Martha Maria Pacold, Mary M. Rowland, and Steven C. Seeger, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Jason R. Dunn, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, and Dallas L. Carlson, to be United States Marshal for the District of North Dakota, both of the Department of Justice, and James W. Carroll, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, September 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "U.S. Strategy in Syria", 8 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 14, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Solutions to Strengthen U.S. Public Safety Communications", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Better Data and Better Outcomes: Reducing Maternal Mortality in the U.S", 9:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 14, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "U.S. Policy Toward Syria", 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 14, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled "Examining Sober Living Homes", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 14, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2327, "PAWS Act of 2017"; H.R. 5521, the "VA Hiring Enhancement Act"; H.R. 4312, the "Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act"; H.R. 5413, the "Improving Veterans Access to Congressional Services Act of 2018"; H.R. 6409, the "Honoring Veterans' Families Act"; H.R. 6420, to permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for the Veterans Legacy Program; and H.R. 6418, the "VA Website Accessibility Act of 2018", 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Thursday, September 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 13

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